

YOU'VE
PROVEN
WORTHY OF
EXISTENCE.

REJOICE,
YOUNG
PILOT.

機動戦士
ガンダム

F90 クラスター

MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM F90 CLUSTER

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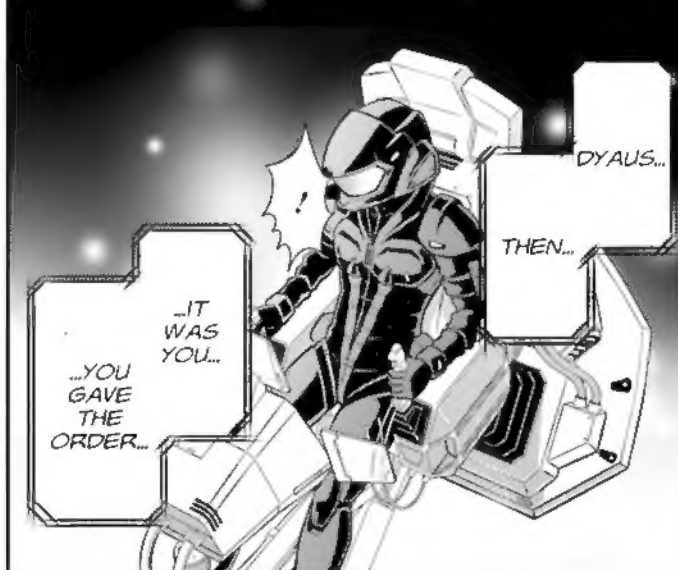
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SUCH...

...IS DYLAUS'S
DECREE.



...YOU
GAVE
THE
ORDER...

...IT
WAS
YOU...

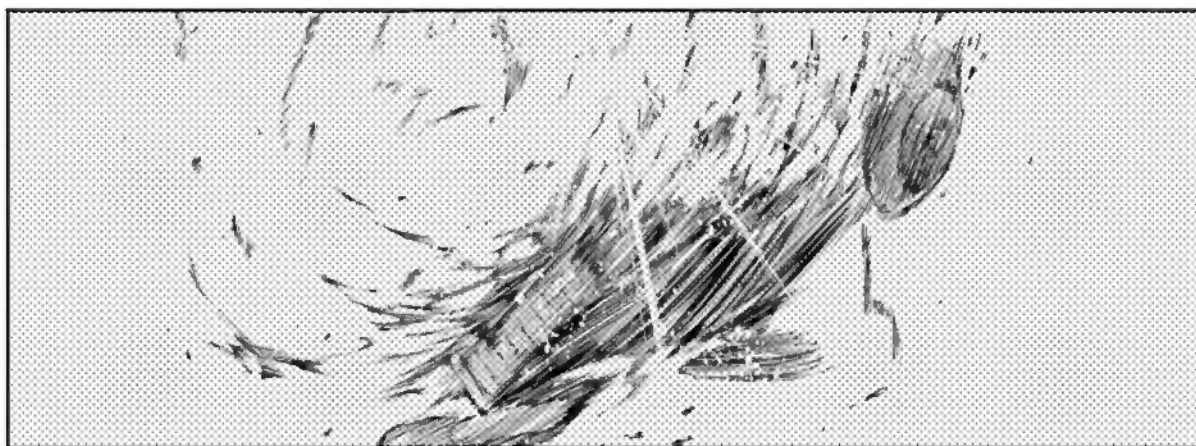
THEN...

DY AUS...



DY AUS?!

SO THESE
GUYS
BELONG TO...
THE RONA
FAMILY...



ENTIRE
FAMILIES!

THERE WERE
COUNTLESS
INNOCENT
PEOPLE
THERE...

THEY HAD
NOTHING
TO DO WITH
THE EARTH
ASSAULT...
THEY WERE
JUST
ORDINARY
PEOPLE...





!!



JUST HOW
MUCH
POWER IS
THIS
MONSTER
CARRYING?!

THE
BEAM
OUTPUT
IS STILL
CLIMBING
?!



THAT
UNSTABLE
SUIT WON'T
TAKE MUCH
MORE OF
THIS!

ENOUGH,
IVALU!
THIS IS
SUICIDE!



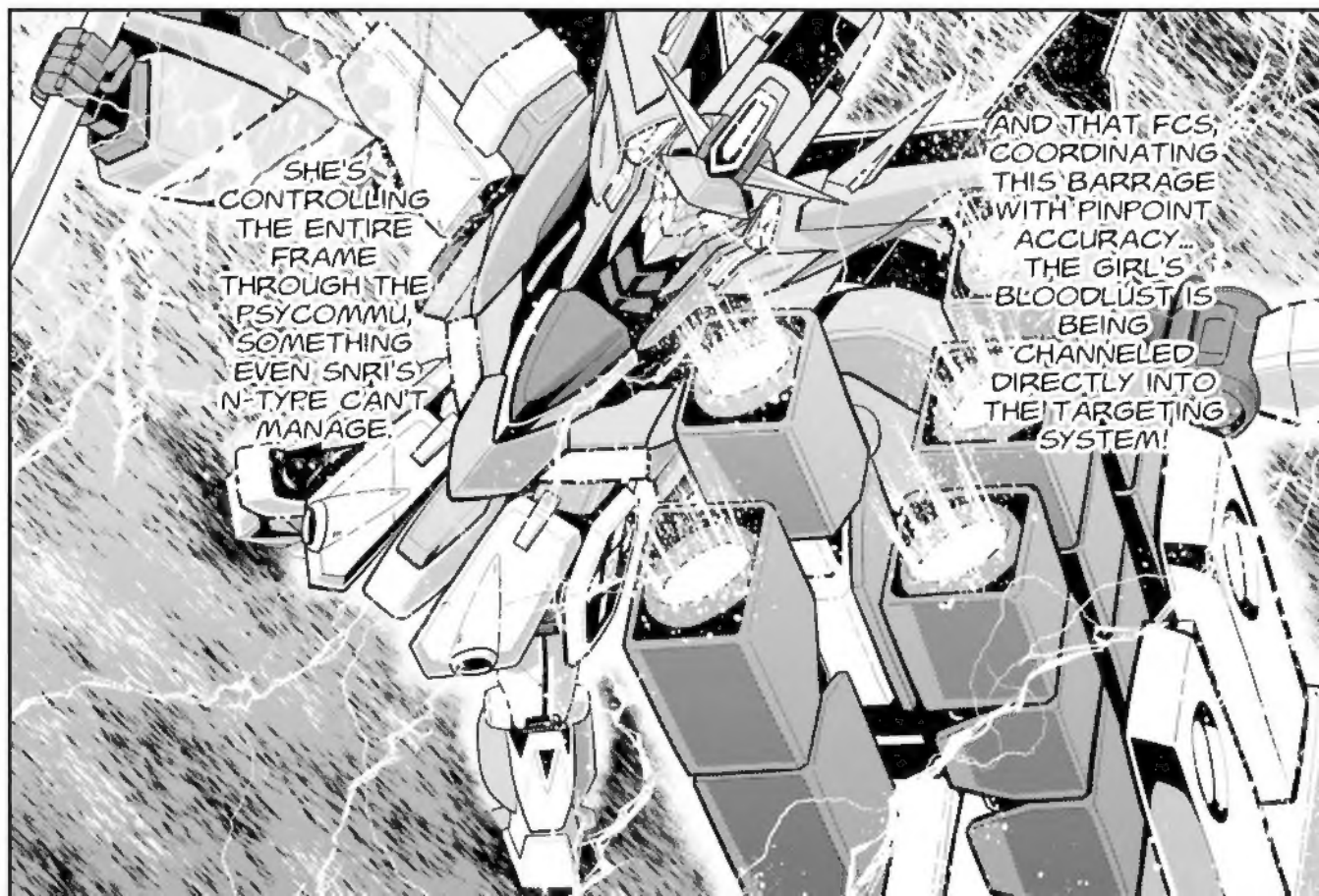
IF WE DON'T
MOVE NOW,
THE ENTIRE
BASE WILL--

THE WHOLE
AREA IS
STARTING TO
COLLAPSE...



JUST
FALL
ALREADY!

YOUR KIND
DOESN'T
DESERVE TO
EXIST!





THIS
IS NO
CHILD'S
TOY...

THAT'S
FOR SURE.



COMBINED WITH
THOSE HILT FUNNELS
AND THAT AI SYSTEM...



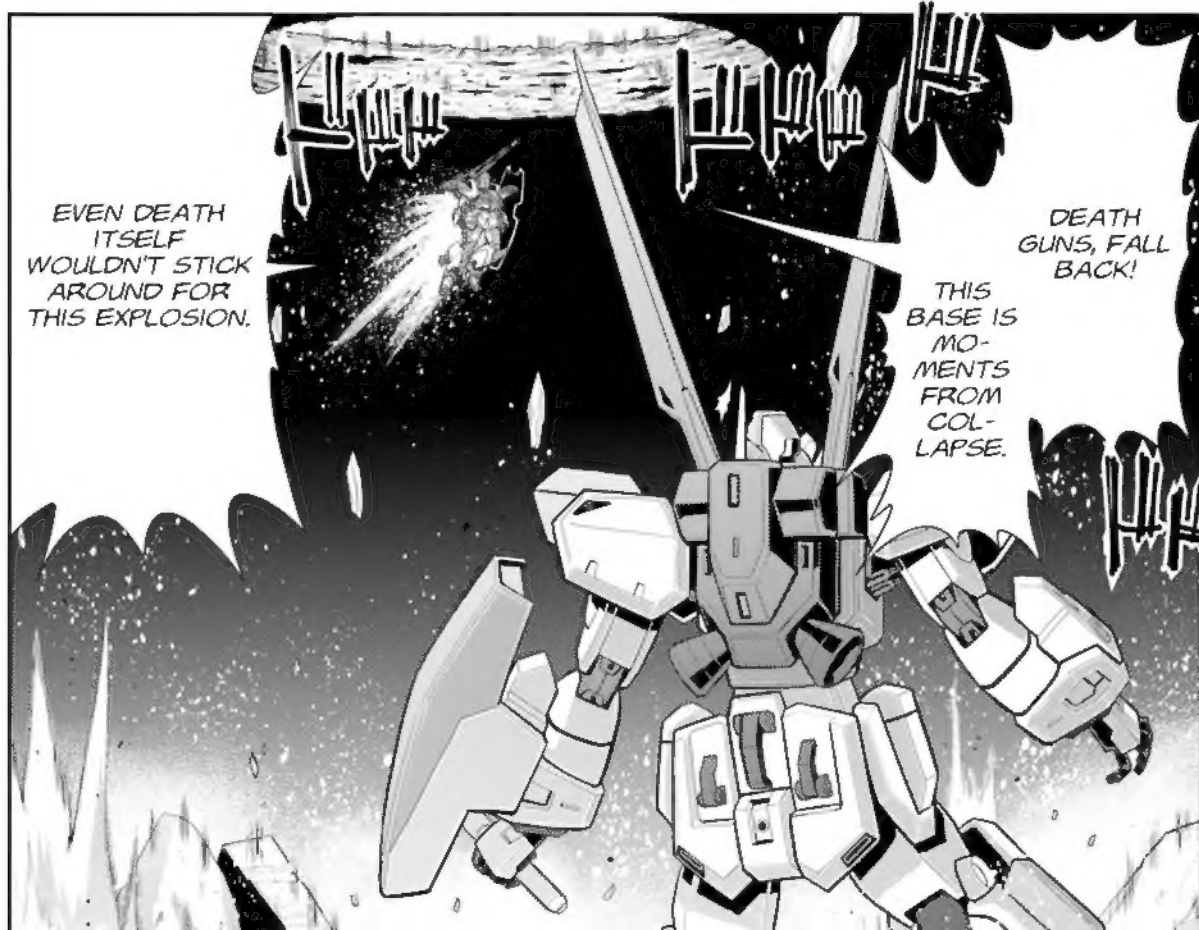
PSEUDO
VSBR...

...SWITCH-
ING TO
LOW-
VELOCITY
PENETRA-
TION
MODE.

PREPARING
TO FIRE.

YOU'D
BETTER
BRACE
YOURSELF.







PRAY
WE
MEET
AGAIN.

NEXT
TIME,
I'LL
MAKE
SURE
YOU
DON'T
WALK
AWAY!

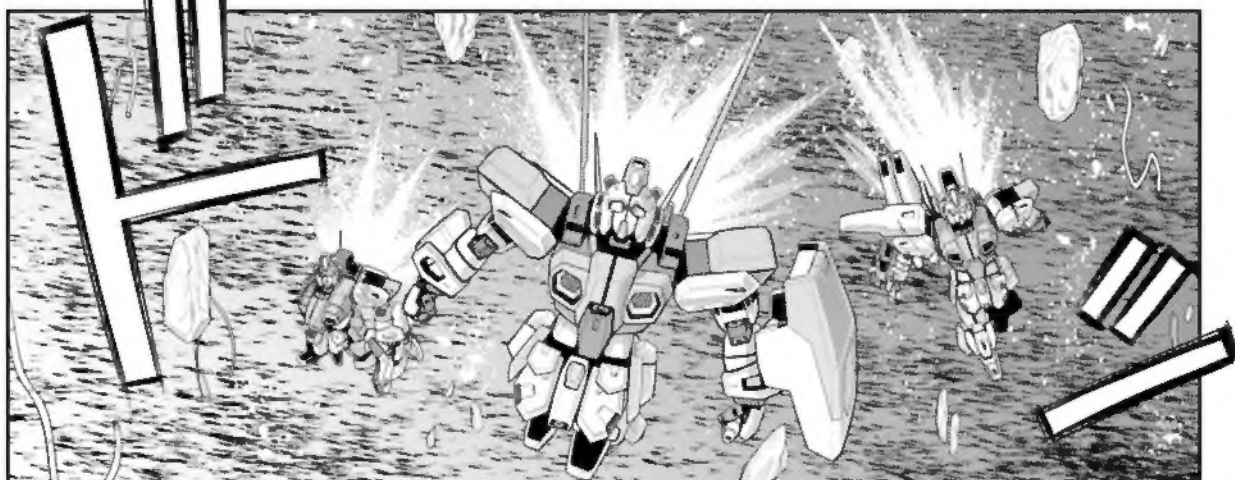


TCH!

I WOULD'VE
PRE-
FERRED
TO SETTLE
THIS PROP-
ERLY...



AS
YOUR
WILL
COM-
MANDS!



YOU DID IT,
IVALU!

THIS
ISN'T...

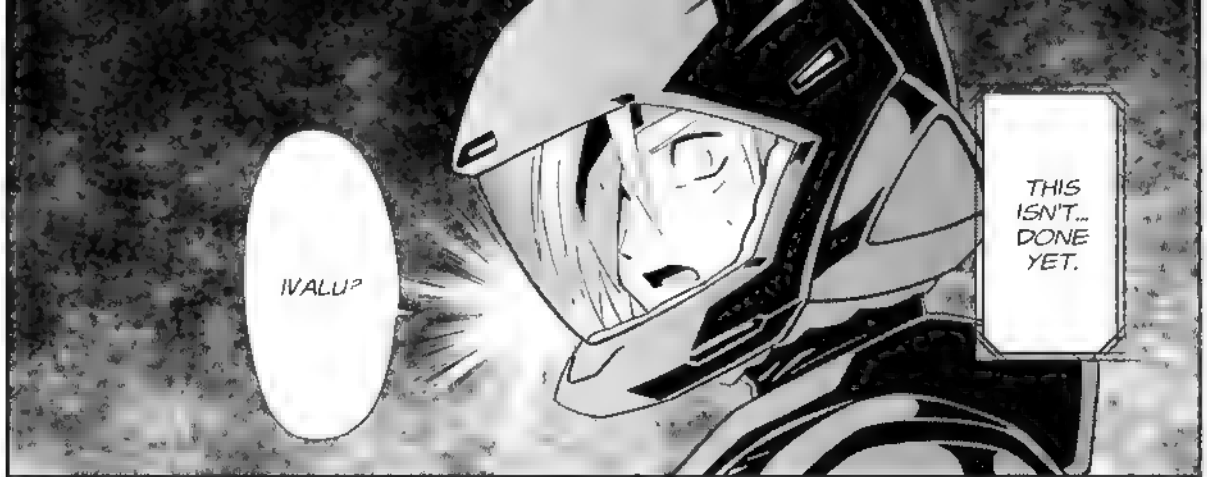
NOW
WE CAN
FINALLY--



THEY'RE...

ACTUALLY
RETREAT-
ING...





IVALU?

THIS
ISN'T...
DONE
YET.



I
CAN'T
LET IT
END
HERE!



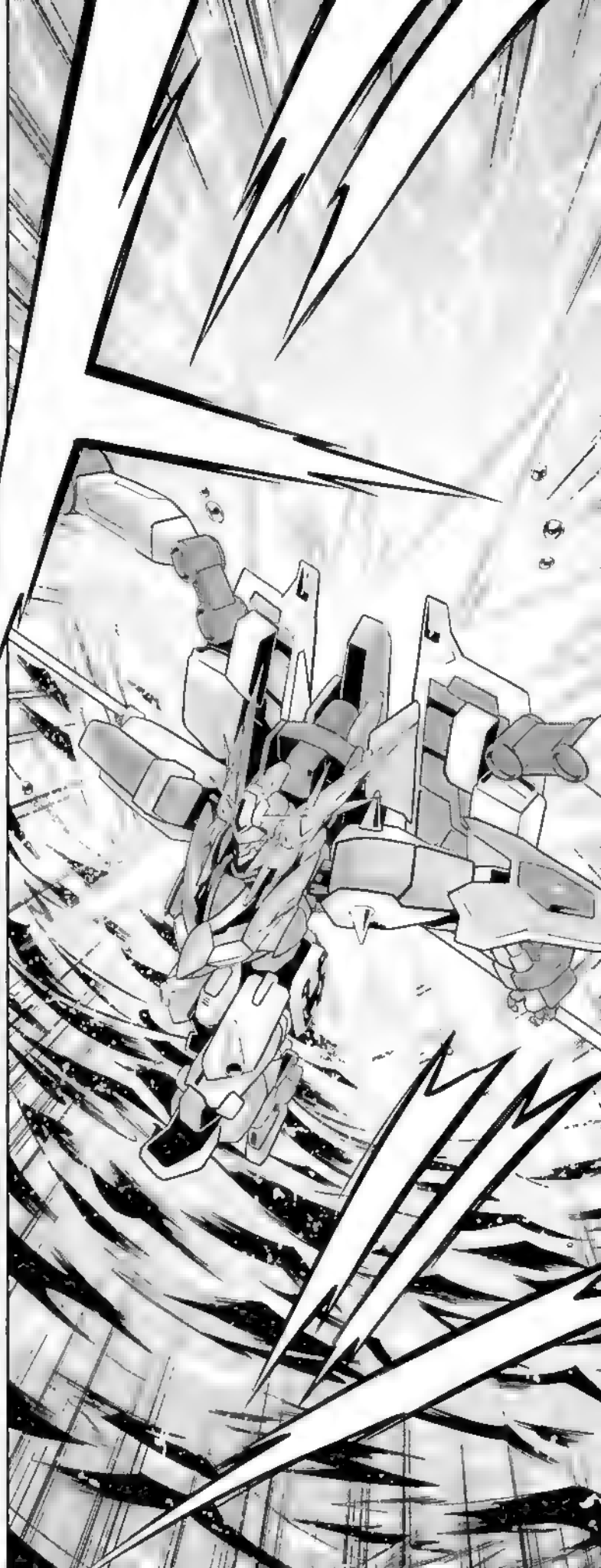
THAT'S
THEIR
NATURE.

IF THEY
ESCAPE
NOW,
THEY'LL
KEEP
HUNTING US
DOWN.



SO!

I FINALLY
UNDERSTAND
THE
DARKNESS
I'VE BEEN
SENSING--





WILLING TO
SACRIFICE
EVERY-
THING FOR
YOUR
BROTHERS-IN-
ARMS.

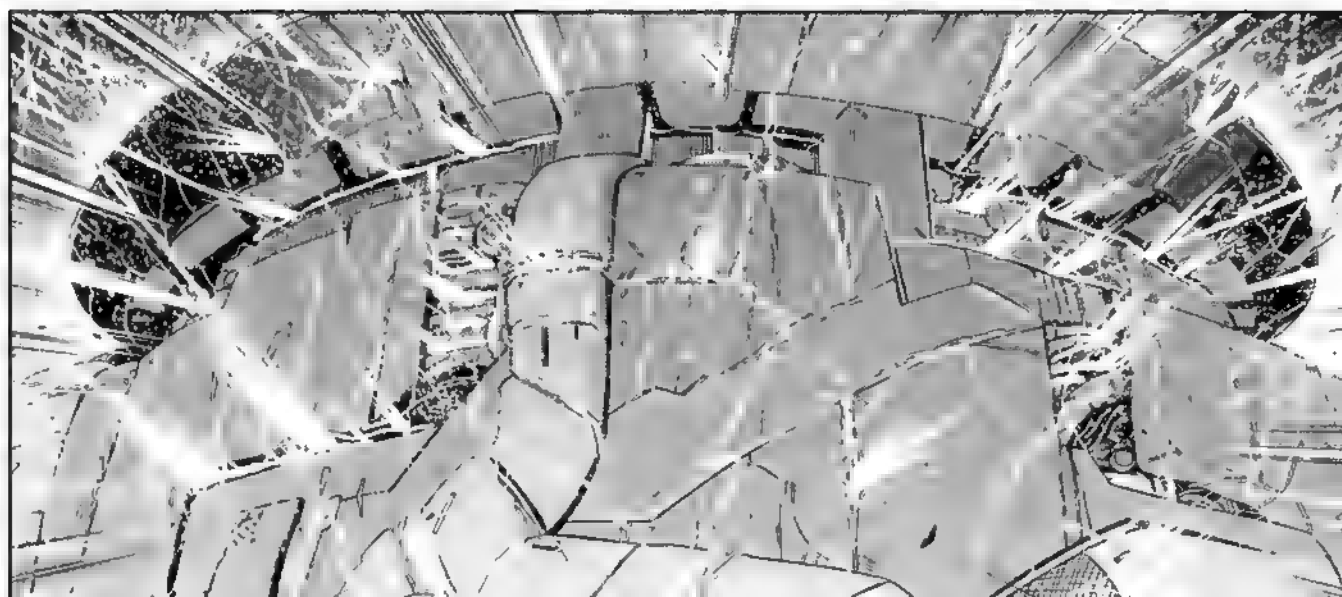
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YOUR
ZEON
HERI-
TAGE.

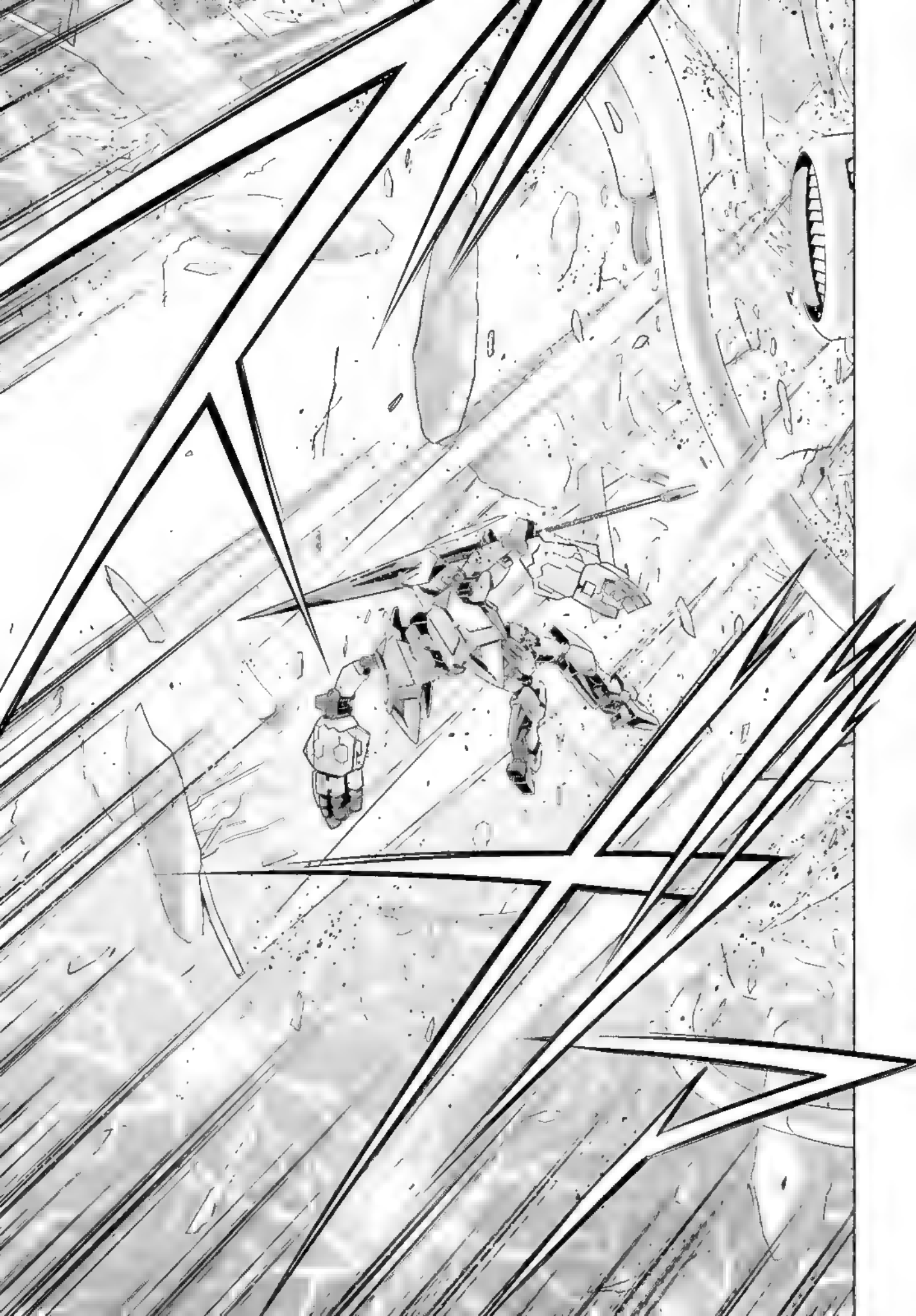
BUT...



I'LL
FINISH
THIS
NOW!

EVERY
LAST
ONE
OF
YOU!







UWAH!

KYAAA!

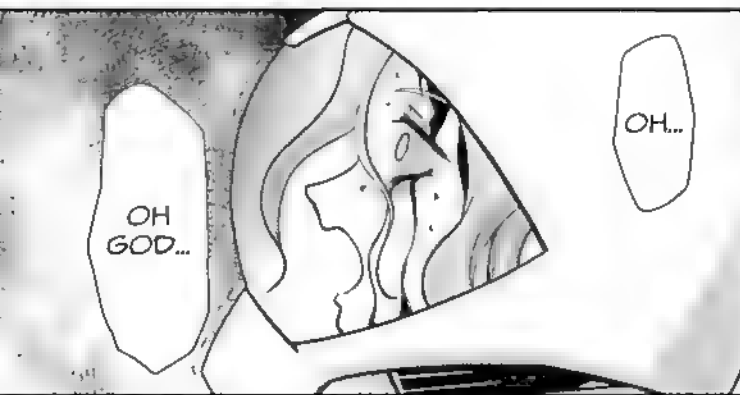


HAS THE
OLYMPUS
GENERATOR
COLLAPSED?!

THIS
SHOCK-
WAVE!



WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!





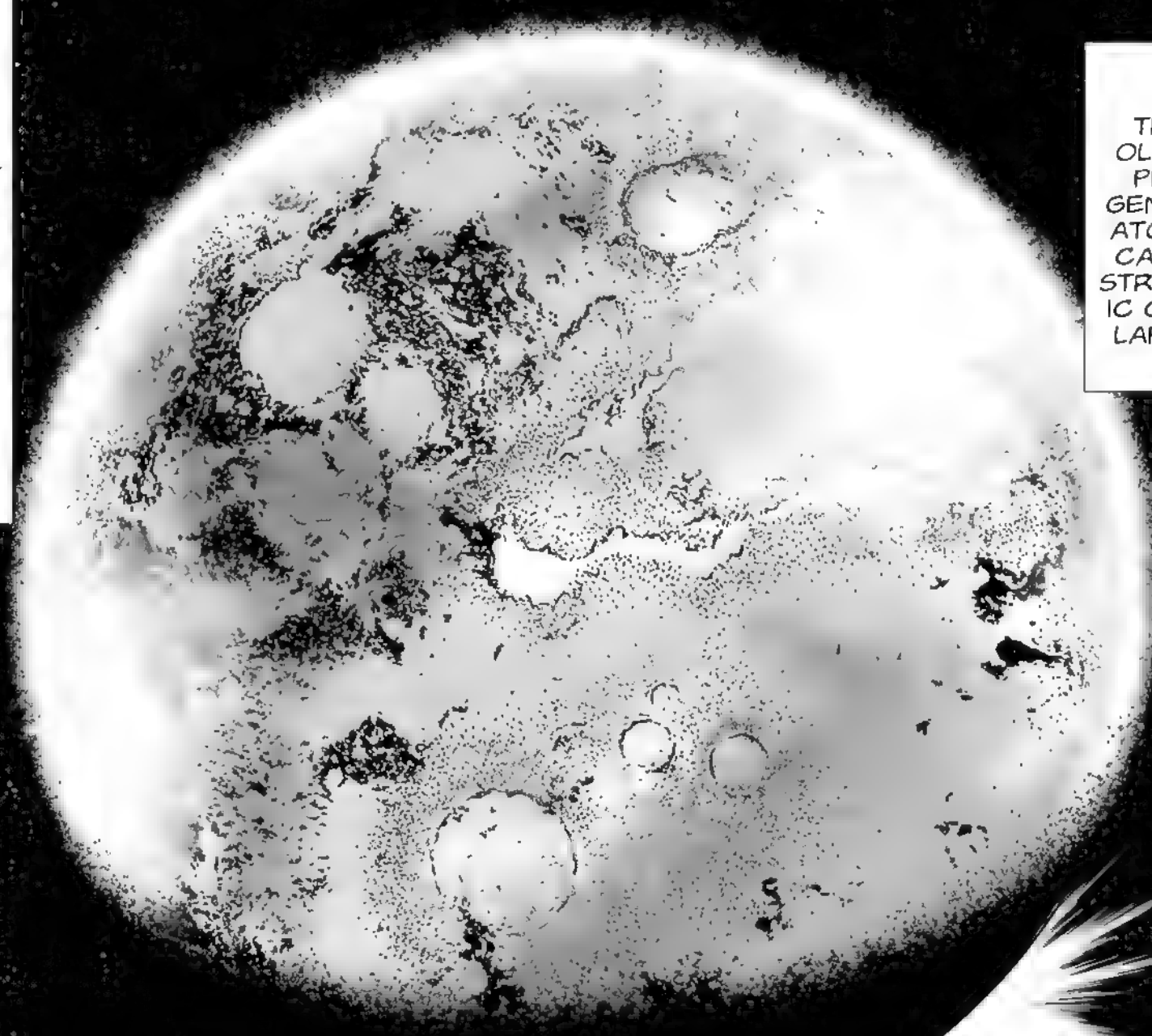


...BRINGING
AN END TO
THE MARS
INDEPENDENT
ZEON FORCES
FOUR-DECADE
REIGN.

THIS EVENT
WOULD MARK
THE
CONCLUSION OF
WHAT HISTORY
WOULD COME
TO KNOW AS
THE FIRST
OLDSMOBILE
WAR...

MARCH
U.C.0121.
THE
OLYM-
PUS
GENER-
ATOR'S
CATA-
STROPH-
IC COL-
LAPSE.

IT TOLLED, IN
TRUTH, AS
THEIR FINAL
REQUIEM--

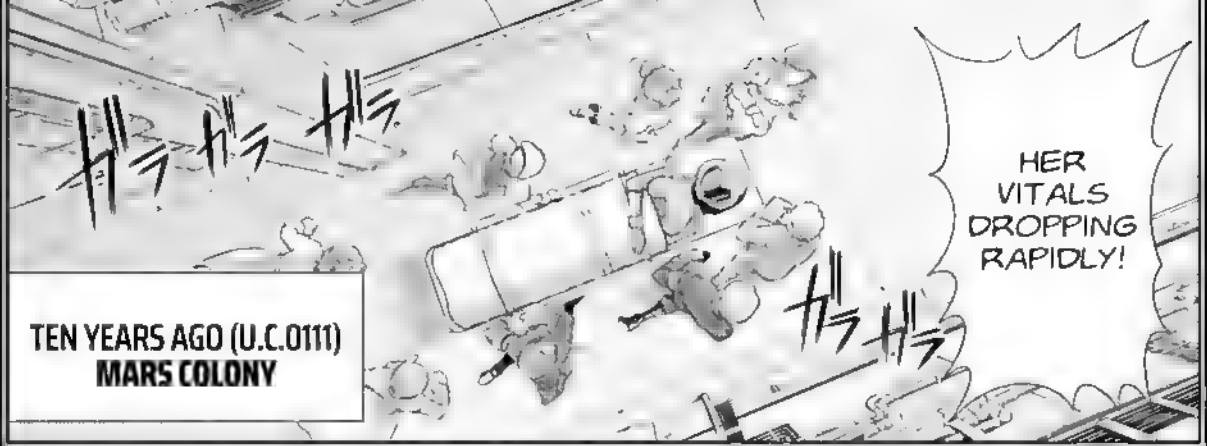


IVALU...

MOM...?

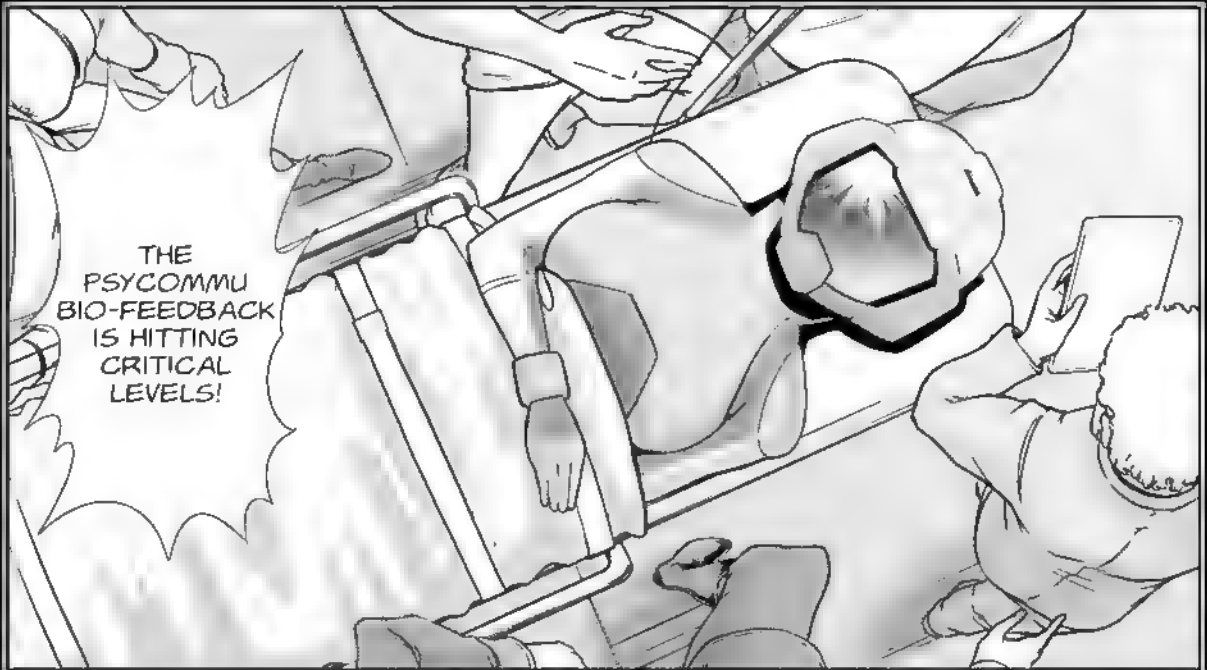
IVALU...

IVALU...



TEN YEARS AGO (U.C.0111)
MARS COLONY

HER
VITALS
DROPPING
RAPIDLY!



THE
PSYCOMMU
BIO-FEEDBACK
IS HITTING
CRITICAL
LEVELS!

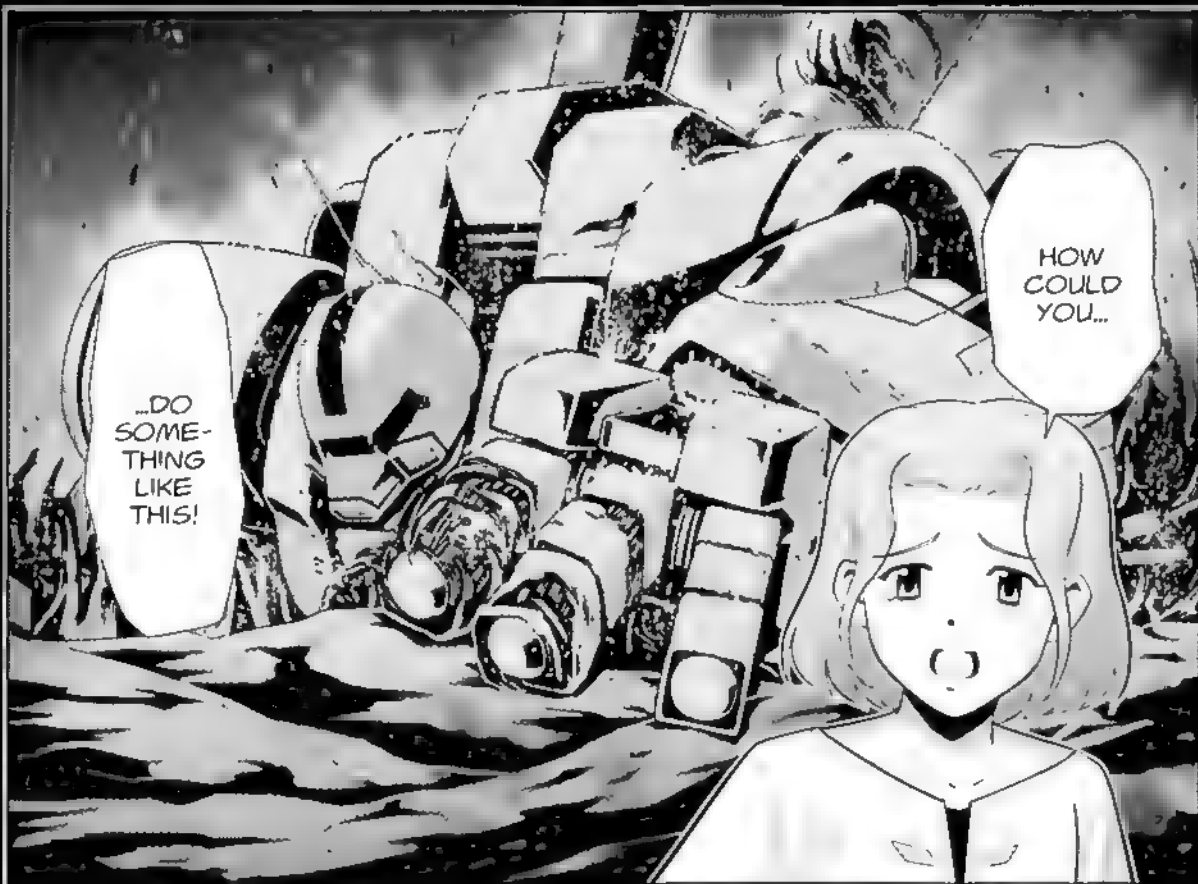


MOM!



MOM!

MOM.





BUT THAT'S
NOT
WORTH
YOUR LIFE!



THAT'S
THE
ONLY
WAY...

TO AVOID
REPEATING
OUR MIS-
TAKES...



IVALU...

HUMANITY...
MUST
LEARN
HUMILITY...
BEFORE
THE VAST-
NESS OF
SPACE...

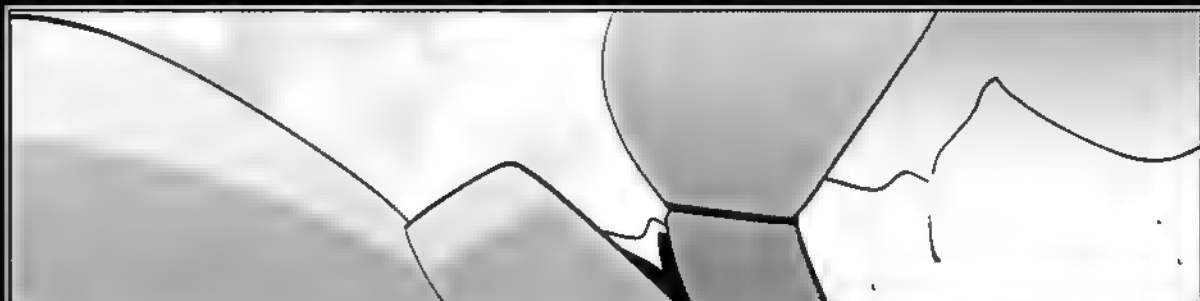


SHOULD
DEMAND YOUR
SACRIFICE!

NEITHER
THE ZEON
CAUSE... NOR
HUMANITY'S
EVOLUTION...

BUT
STILL...

EVEN IF
THAT'S
TRUE...



MY WISH...
IS FOR
YOU... TO
BECOME...

WHAT
ZEON
DEIKUN
ENVI-
SIONED...

A TRUE...
NEWTYP...
E...

SOMEONE
WHO CAN...
TRAN-
SCEND
THE NEED
FOR WAR...



FORGIVE
ME,
IVALU...

LOVE
MIGHT
SEEM...
LIKE SUCH
A SIMPLE
WORD,
BUT...

I'VE LOVED
YOU WITH
ALL MY
HEART...



IN THE
BRIGHT
TOMOR-
ROW...

AWAIT-
ING
YOUR

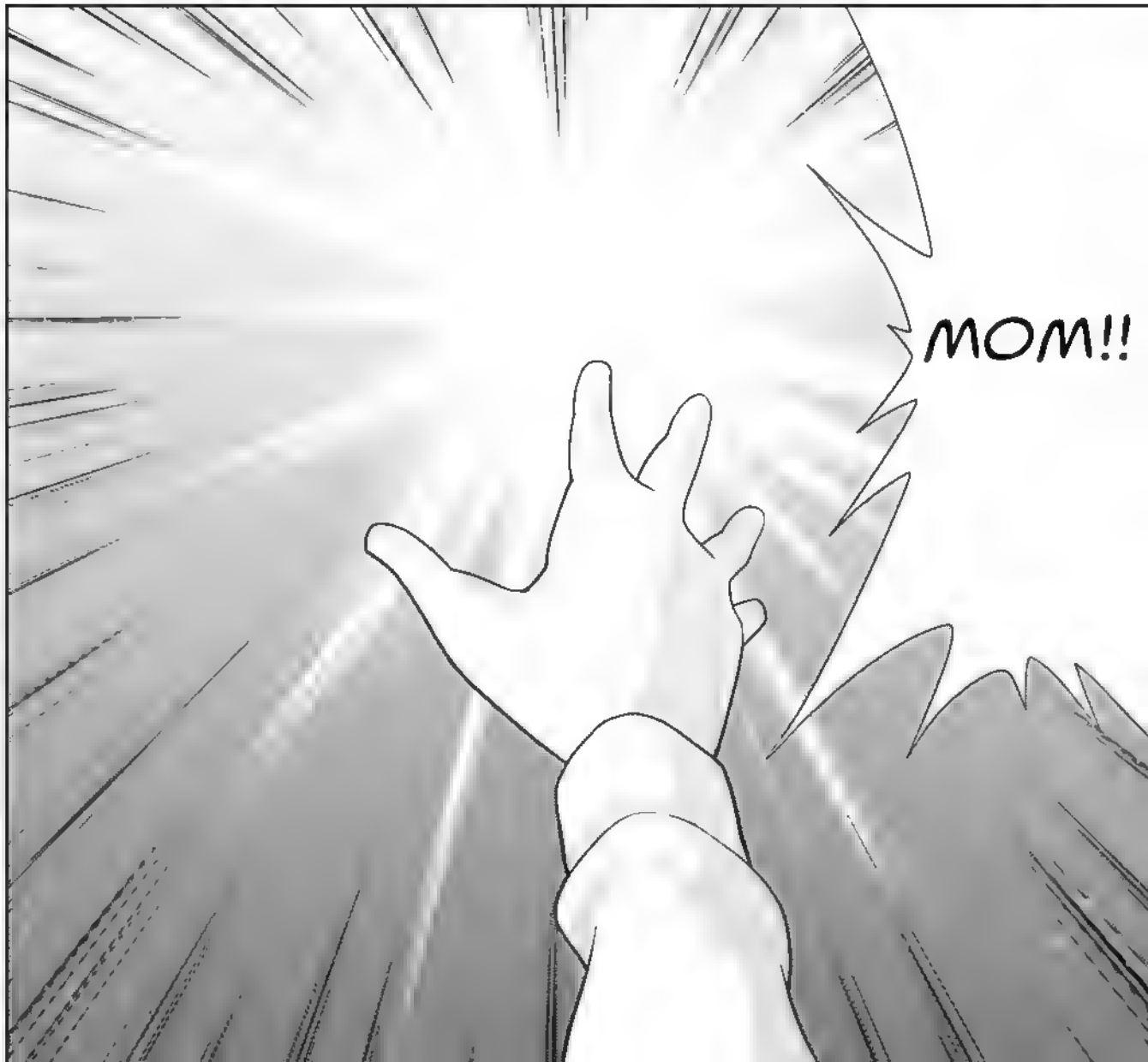
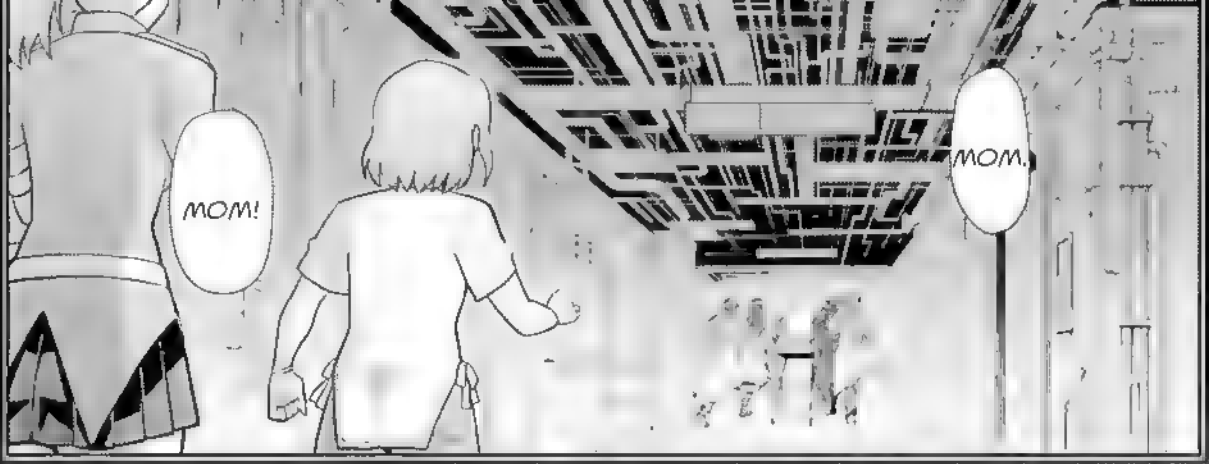
...WINGS...

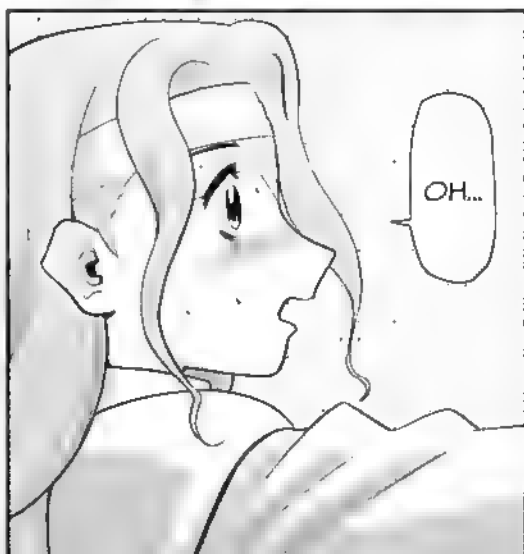
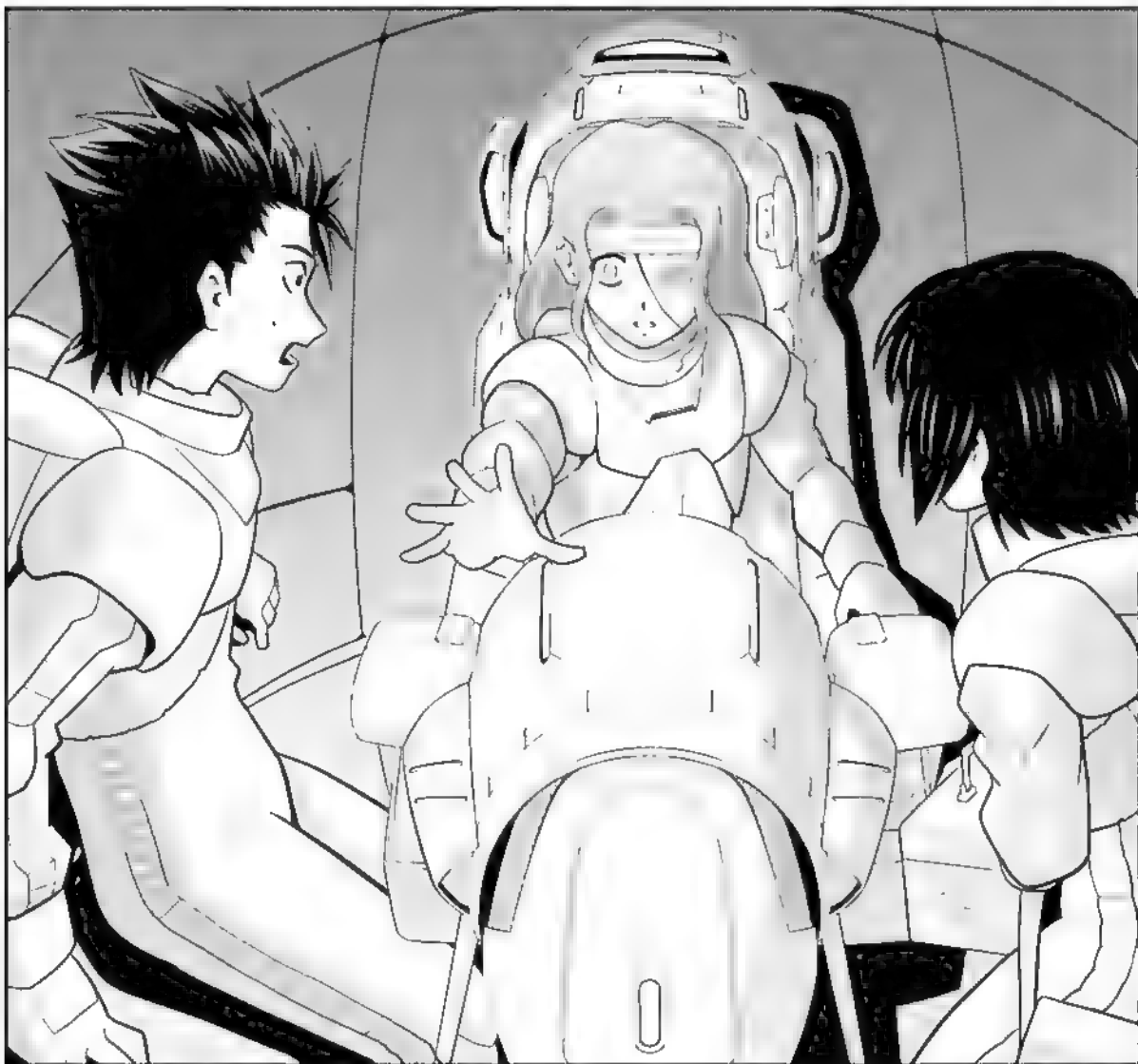


I BE-
LIEVE...

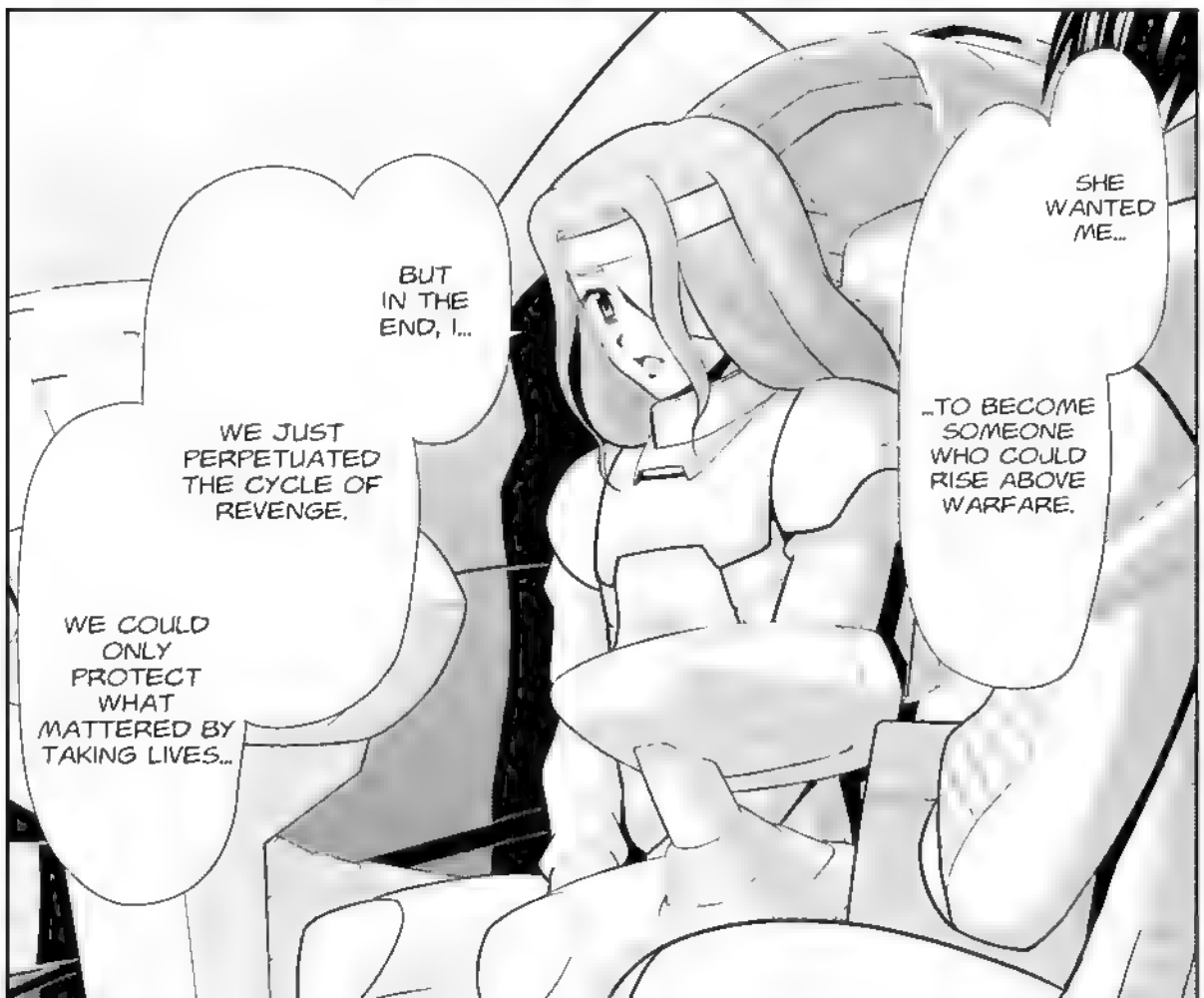
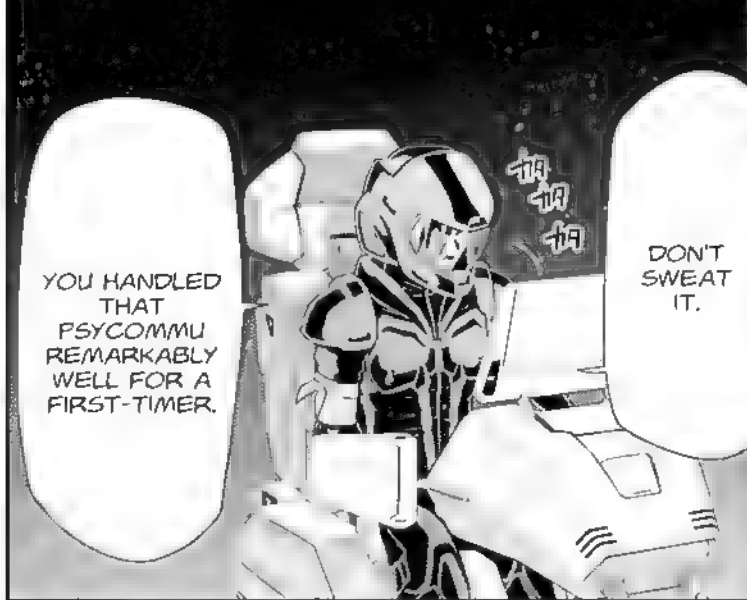
IN YOUR...

FUTURE...











NOTHING.

NO.



HUH?

YOUR
MOTHER...
I SEE...



BUT
IVALU...

...WHATEVER PATH
YOU'VE TAKEN,
YOU FOUGHT TO
PROTECT YOUR
FRIENDS...
YOUR
BROTHERS-
IN-ARMS, AND
YOU'VE
SUCCEEDED.

CHILDREN
RARELY
WALK THE
EXACT PATH
THEIR
PARENTS
ENVISION.



YURI...

THAT'S
MY
BELIEF.

NO PARENT
WOULD
GRIEVE SUCH
STRENGTH...
THEY'D
EMBRACE IT.

THAT'S
YOUR
STRENGTH
OF WILL.





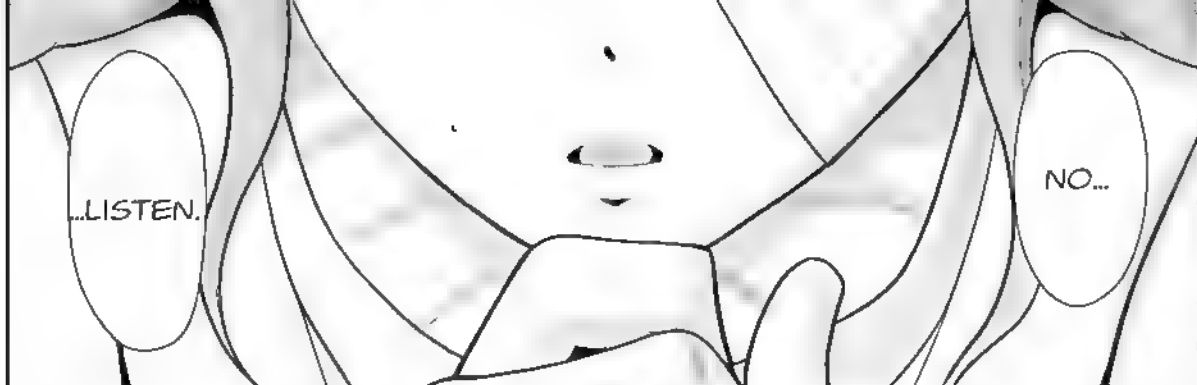
IF IT'S
THOSE
HOSTILES
FROM
BEFORE...!

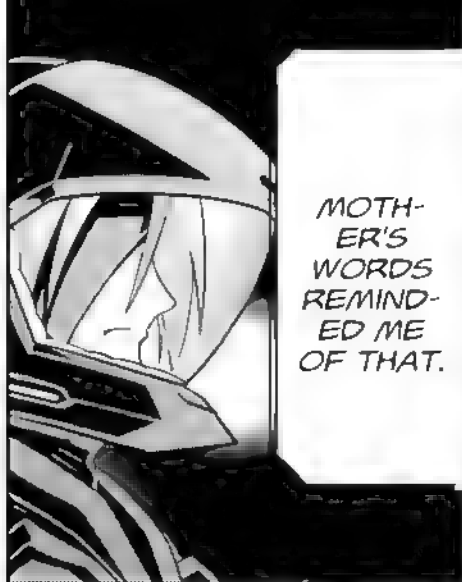
THIS
MOBILE
SUIT IS
BARELY OP-
ERATIONAL
AFTER
THAT
BLAST!



IF ONLY
THEY
WERE
ZEON,
WE
MIGHT
STAND A
CHANCE!

DAMMIT,
THE
FEDDIES
ARE
DOWN
HERE
TOO?!

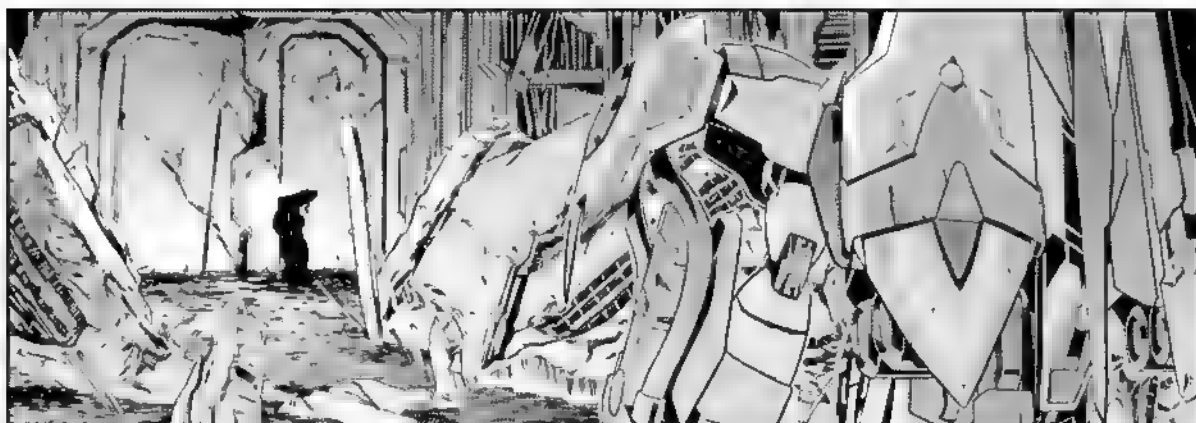




MOTH-
ER'S
WORDS
REMIND-
ED ME
OF THAT.



EVEN SO, I
WANT TO
BELIEVE IN
POSSIBILITY
ONE FINAL
TIME.

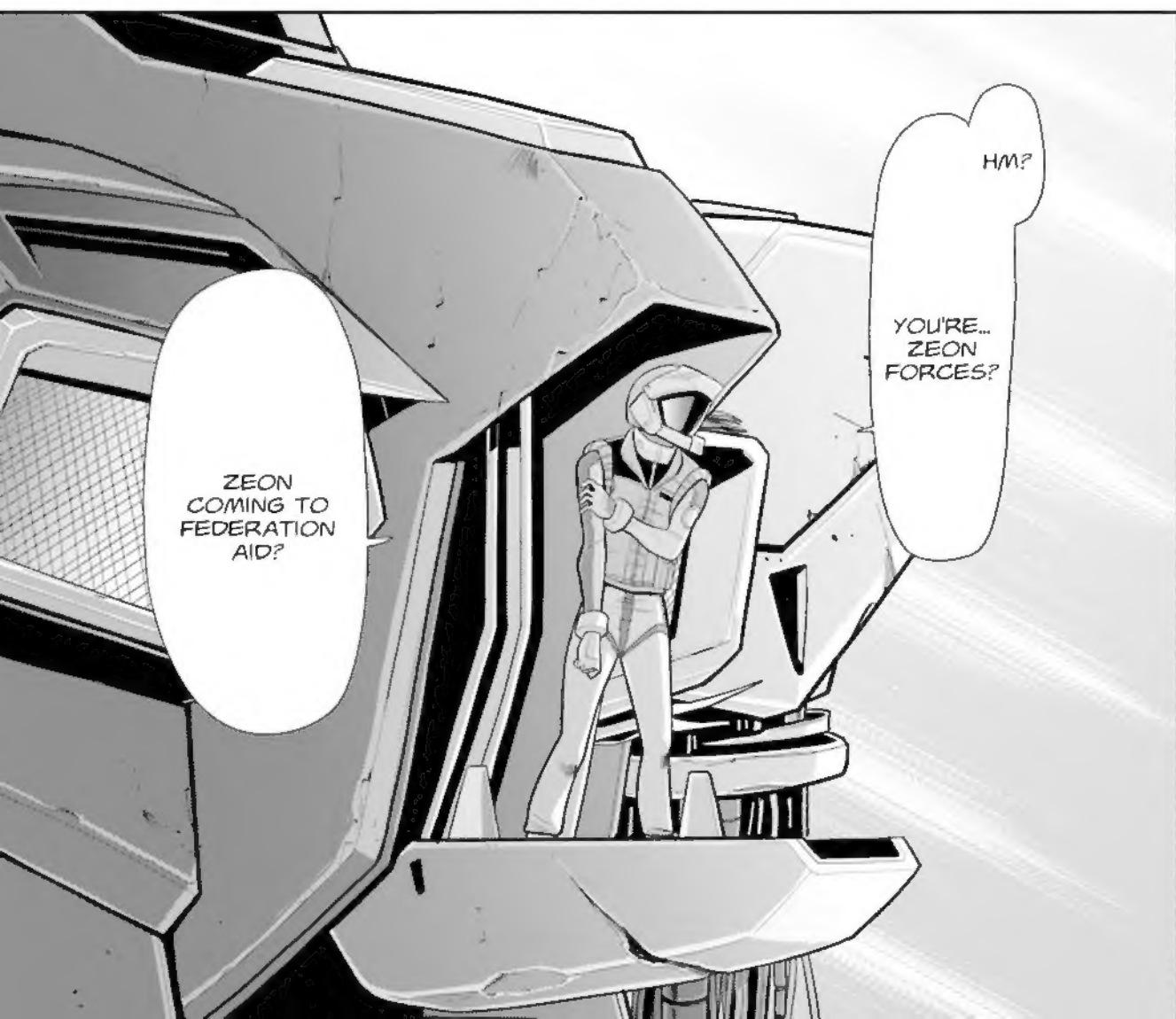


THEY'RE
COM-
PLETELY
BAT-
TERED.

EVEN IF
WE JOIN
FORCES,
CAN THEY
ACTUALLY
HELP?

THERE.

DOCTOR,
INITIATE
OUR DIS-
TRESS
BEACON--





YOU
FOLKS
ARE?



LET'S DE-
CLARE A
TEMPO-
RARY
CEASEFIRE.

WELL, I'M
GRATEFUL.



I'M DEF.

DEF
STALLION.

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MINI EDITION

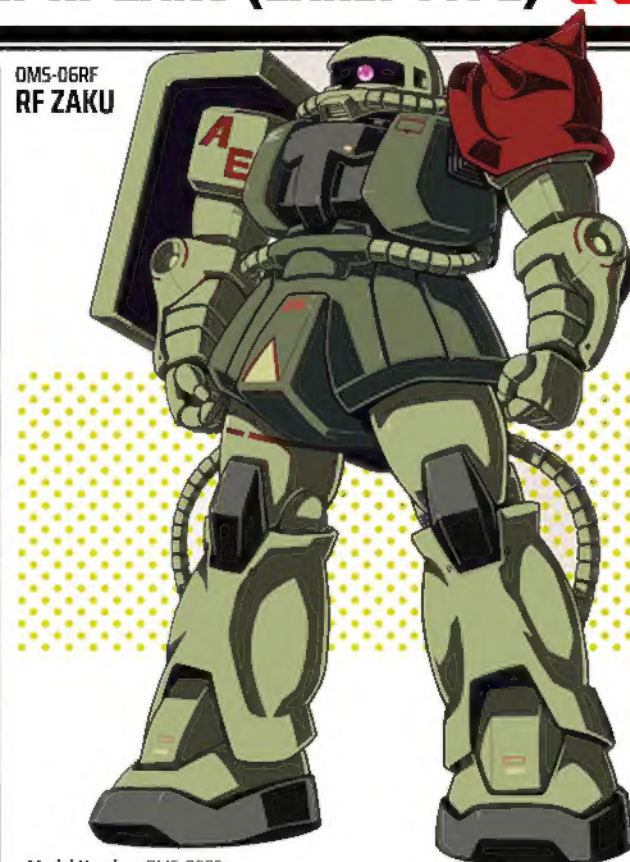
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OMS-06RF RF ZAKU (EARLY TYPE) <<<



MS-06D
DESERT ZAKU (BLUE TEAM VERSION)

The replica units operated by the African Independence Front underwent upgrades to second-generation mobile suit standards with support from Haman's forces. This design philosophy would later influence the development of the RF series mobile suits.



OMS-06RF
RF ZAKU

Model Number: OMS-06RF
Head Height: 17.5m Full Weight: 58.6t
Generator Output: 2,750kW Thruster Output: 61,000kg
Standard Armaments: 120mm machine gun, 240mm bazooka, heat hawk, etc.
Note: Total mass listed reflects configuration with titanium alloy ceramic composite armor

The RF Series, those 18-meter class replica mobile suits deployed by the Zeon terrorist alliance Oldsmobile during their heightened Earth Sphere operations in U.C. 0115, bore striking resemblances to their original Principality counterparts, unlike their successors used in the Second Oldsmobile War of U.C. 0121, as previously discussed in our RF Kämpfer analysis (January 0146 issue).

This 1.5 generation mobile suit series represented a technological breakthrough, leveraging miniaturization techniques developed during the RGM-109 project. The primary objective was to create cost-effective guerrilla warfare units by downsizing AMS-119 Gears Doga-class mobile suit to 18 meters while maintaining combat effectiveness.

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY AND DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

The Legacy Fleet, which broke away from Haman Karn's forces after the civil war, spent nearly three decades in hiding throughout the Earth Sphere, choosing not to align themselves with either Char Aznable or Full Frontal. Their prolonged survival wasn't merely due to support from various Zabi faction sympathizers, they thrived thanks to widespread anti-Federation sentiment that had infiltrated military and bureaucratic circles. This same undercurrent of discontent among Spacenoids toward Earthnoid complacency would later prove crucial to the successful establishment of Cosmo Babylonia.

The Legacy Fleet didn't simply preserve their forces for future

uprising, they actively reached across ideological lines to share early RF mobile suit design data with any group opposing Federation space dominance. Their engineering team, comprised largely of former Zeon technicians, collaborated with Space-noid-affiliated corporations like Randeggar, Zimmad, and ZAS (reportedly including anti-Federation elements within Anaheim) to develop a highly modular movable frame system.

To dismiss these engineers and industrialists as mere merchants of death would be misguided. Even after the opening of Laplace's Box failed to bring reform, the Federation government continued to support Earth-based privileged class recolonization efforts. This policy pushed Spacenoids, including their technical experts and capitalists, toward armed resistance once again.

The anti-Federation movement enjoyed broad support among the ten billion Spacenoid citizens. This widespread backing explains the subsequent historical trend of Side colonies gravitating toward independence following Cosmo Babylonia's successful secession.

Moreover, the Legacy Fleet had forged an alliance with the Mars Independence Zeon Forces. While their approaches weren't perfectly aligned, some suggest Rhein Dragoon intended to secure Side 3's independence before Mars could potentially destroy Earth with the Olympus Cannon, they shared the fundamental view that armed insurrection against the Federation was necessary. There's little doubt that preserved engineering expertise from Mars, along with universal modification technology derived from the Titans' TR Project, were incorporated into the RF project.

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The frame's components were predominantly sourced from a mix of standardized civilian parts and existing mobile suit designs, including the RGM-89 Jegan, FD-03 Gustav Karl, AMS-119 Gears Doga, and AMS-129 Gears Zulu. This diverse parts commonality made individual components' origins and intended purposes virtually untraceable.

The genius of the design lay in its "dress-up" approach to exterior armor. By simply swapping outer components, a basic RF Zaku frame could be transformed to meet various mission parameters, whether configured as an RF Gouf, underwater RF Zaku, or high-mobility RF Zaku variant. This versatility extended beyond mere disguise; it represented a return to the fundamental potential of the movable frame concept.

Consider how this modular philosophy manifested: apogee motors, high-mobility boosters, and underwater hydro-jets were integrated into exterior components. Swapping armor panels and backpacks effectively created an entirely different mobile suit. This approach to modularity had historical precedent within Zeon forces, during the First Neo Zeon War, Axis reportedly planned (and some say executed) operations where MS-06F Zaku IIs and MS-09R Rick Doms were converted to MS-06D Desert Zakus and MS-06G Dwadges for Earth-drop operations.

The frame's design drew inspiration from the MSZ-006 Zeta Gundam's renowned durability and replicability (likely due to the defection of certain AEUG engineers to the Legacy Fleet).

While standard units utilized readily available titanium alloy ceramic composites for armor, specialized versions for ace pilots and special operations units reportedly incorporated Gundarium alloy plates. Some resource-strapped guerrilla units even reverted to using ultra-high tensile steel armor from previous gen-

erations.

As a fascinating aside, the Zaku exterior variations were remarkably diverse, with confirmed sightings of variants based on the MS-06F, MS-06F2, and MS-06FZ designs. Whether this variety stemmed from intentional deception, parts availability, or simply pilot preference remains debatable.

While the units primarily employed MS-06F-style conventional weapons (likely due to supply chain practicality), their enhanced output capabilities allowed them to effectively wield AMS-119 and AMS-129 weaponry when available.

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According to captured Federation Weapons Bureau test data, while these units displayed lower acceleration and atmospheric flight capabilities compared to the RGM-89J Jegan, they achieved equal or superior maneuverability. This advantage stemmed from their compact size, which reduced rotational inertia and enabled sharper turning characteristics.

Their atmospheric performance particularly shone in low-altitude engagements, with exceptional high-speed turning capability during hover operations. They earned high marks specifically in dogfights below 300 meters.

These performance metrics clearly indicate the units were designed to engage RGM-89J and RGM-87C2 BR-GM units rather than cutting-edge RGM-109 series mobile suits. The RF series excelled in its intended role: surprise attacks against lightly defended Federation installations stretched thin across vast territories.

This tactical focus was starkly illustrated during the Mars base defense operations, where RF units were consistently out-matched and eliminated.

The widespread dissemination of the RF series' development data throughout the Earth Sphere had profound historical implications. Anti-Federation organizations gained access to legitimate countermeasures, leading to the development of various replica mobile suits. The RF Zaku thus became a catalyst for the ensuing warring states period.

Oldsmobile themselves would later incorporate stolen F90II data to fundamentally redesign their RF mobile suits, leading to the "late model" variants, a topic we'll explore in future installments.

(Dinah Kim Ginzaewa, September 25, U.C. 0148)



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